

Committee on Finance and United States House Committee on Ways and Means.

POM-95. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan urging the United States Congress to oppose unnecessary and harmful changes to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements for Michigan's financial institutions; to the Committee on Finance.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 174

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Treasury has proposed requiring financial institutions to report financial account information for accounts with a gross flow threshold or fair market value of \$600 or more. The proposal calls for financial institutions to report gross inflows and outflows with a breakdown for physical cash, transactions with foreign accounts, and transfers to and from another account with the same owner. It would apply to business and personal accounts, including bank, loan, and investment accounts at those financial institutions subject to the proposed requirement; and

Whereas, There are very real concerns over data privacy and security if this proposed Internal Revenue Service reporting requirement, or a similar requirement, is put in place. Keeping member and customer account information private and secure is among the primary goals of all financial institutions in Michigan and this proposal could jeopardize the security of accounts and personal information. As we have seen, numerous government data breaches have occurred in recent years. Moreover, the proposal constitutes an invasion of consumer privacy; and

Whereas, Financial institutions throughout our state and country are already subject to many burdensome regulations that increase costs, damage customer relations, and otherwise hurt these businesses. The adoption of this extensive and intrusive financial reporting proposal would deepen that burden for Michigan's community-based and other financial institutions; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives,* That we urge the United States Congress to oppose unnecessary and harmful changes to Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements for Michigan's financial institutions; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United State House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the members of the Michigan congressional delegation, and the chairs of the United States Senate Committee on Finance and United States House Committee on Ways and Means.

POM-96. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan demanding the President of the United States and the United States Congress provide no support to the Taliban, either direct or indirect, including but not limited to aid; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 177

Whereas, Over the past 20 years, the United States has provided billions of dollars in foreign aid to Afghanistan. The foreign aid had been used to help Afghan leaders establish a stable government and support the human rights of Afghan citizens; and

Whereas, Despite the billions of dollars that the United States provided Afghanistan in foreign aid, Taliban fighters overran several provincial capitals less than two weeks after the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country. This led to the departure of Afghanistan's president and the total collapse of the established government; and

Whereas, Attempting to use money as leverage to persuade the Taliban will prove to be futile and dangerous. The Taliban, unlike the previous Afghan leaders, have no reason to prioritize the stability and safety of the Afghan people. Providing financial support to Afghanistan would only strengthen the Taliban's efforts to terrorize its citizens and smother revolutions in their crib; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved,* by the House of Representatives, That we demand that President Biden and the United States Congress provide no support to the Taliban, either direct or indirect, including but not limited to aid; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-97. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the State of Michigan supporting the religious liberty of Michigan citizens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 88

Whereas, The Declaration of Independence affirms that people are "... endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness . . ."; and declares that governments derive "their just powers from the consent of the governed . . ."; and

Whereas, The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States clearly, plainly, and unequivocally states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof or abridging the freedom of speech . . .". The constitutional protection of these bedrock principles of religious liberty and freedom of expression was extended to the actions of the states through the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, The Michigan Constitution unambiguously affirms that "[e]very person shall be at liberty to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience"; and that "[t]he civil and political rights, privileges and capacities of no person shall be diminished . . . on account of his religious belief" and that "[e]very person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects" and "no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech . . ."; and

Whereas, Despite the clear prohibition against government actions infringing upon freedom of expression and the free exercise of religion, religious people and religious organizations have been frequent targets of governmental actions by state and local government officials seeking to limit religious expression and exercise, including by executive orders that close houses of worship, mandates that effectively prohibit religious student athletes from participating in collegiate sports, and policies that exclude religious families and organizations from foster care programs; and

Whereas, Religious expression is essential for maintaining societal morality. As George Washington stated, "Let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle"; and

Whereas, When religious-based ideas inform the public ethic, society benefits greatly. For example, the idea that God created humans in His image, and that all human life has dignity, significantly contributed to

ending slavery and advancing the rights of women and minorities. Censuring an idea that is informed by ancient sacred tenets prevents thousands of years of wisdom from informing the public ethic; and

Whereas, In this country, individuals, houses of worship, and religious organizations compelled by their religious beliefs have served the needy, the homeless, widows, and orphans long before government and continue to partner with government to serve our communities. Indeed, this is a vital notion in our pluralistic society: The ability and freedom of Americans of any faith—or no faith at all—to be free to serve in ways consistent with the commitments that inspire their service in the first place; and

Whereas, A moral republic cannot function without religious expression. Government suppression of a citizen's religious expression or religious exercise sends a bitter chill throughout the citizenry in a republic. Instead of censoring or punishing religious speech or religious conscience, the answer in a republic valuing freedom must always be to foster and support expression; and

Whereas, The test of a functioning moral republic is not only whether government protects speech and religious expression with which it agrees—it is whether government will protect speech and religious expression with which it disagrees. The constitutional liberty here does not protect governments from religious conscience—it protects the exercise of religious conscience from government infringement. When government suppresses or punishes a citizen's religious expression or conscience, it betrays the fundamental principle of freedom on which our country was founded; and

Whereas, Good governance and civic institutional integrity rest on the virtue of its citizens. Religious ideas support and nurture this virtue and should, therefore, always be permitted within the marketplace of ideas; and

Whereas, it is the duty of elected officials to uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Michigan Constitution; Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate,* That we support the religious liberty of Michigan citizens; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we will not infringe upon the ability of citizens to act in accordance with their religious conscience and beliefs; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we will not tolerate persecution of religious people because of their beliefs; and be it further

*Resolved,* That we condemn any behavior by government authorities that limits the ability of individuals to express their religious conscience and beliefs; and be it further

*Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Michigan Attorney General, the Michigan Secretary of State, the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

POM-98. A petition from a citizen of the State of Texas relative to asylum federal laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

H.R. 390. An act to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in

Memphis, Tennessee as the “Odell Horton Federal Building”.

By Mr. DURBIN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, without amendment:

S. 2629. A bill to establish cybercrime reporting mechanisms, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 2938. A bill to designate the United States Courthouse and Federal Building located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the “Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building”, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4660. An act to designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 1125 Chapline Street in Wheeling, West Virginia, as the “Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

## EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. CANTWELL for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

\*Arun Venkataraman, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

\*Jainey Kumar Bavishi, of New York, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

\*Jessica Rosenworcel, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2020.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS on the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Patrick J. Grace and ending with Karl B. Hellberg, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on September 30, 2021.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Royce W. James and ending with Peter H. Imbriale, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Brittany S. Akers and ending with Tiffany M. Zehnle, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 19, 2021.

\*Coast Guard nominations beginning with Mark P. Aguilar and ending with Matthew W. Zinn, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record on October 21, 2021.

By Mr. CARPER for the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

\*Amanda Howe, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*David M. Uhlmann, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

\*Jennifer Clyburn Reed, of South Carolina, to be Federal Cochairperson of the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission.

\*Henry Christopher Frey, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

By Mr. PETERS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Erik Adrian Hooks, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

\*Ebony M. Scott, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

\*Donald Walker Tunnage, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for a term of fifteen years.

\*Michael Kubayanda, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2026.

\*Laurel A. Blatchford, of the District of Columbia, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 3289. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary of the Treasury to track and disclose funding and outlays relating to disasters and emergencies on a centralized website, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mrs. BLACKBURN):

S. 3290. A bill to establish a National Manufacturing Extension Partnership Supply Chain Database, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BROWN:

S. 3291. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance efforts to address antibiotic resistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 3292. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to initiate hearings to review Federal milk marketing orders relating to pricing of Class I skim milk, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 3293. A bill to expand access of veterans to mental health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KING, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KELLY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. KAINE, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. SMITH, and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. 3294. A bill to obtain and direct the placement in the Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds of a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor and a statue to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Ms. SMITH (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 3295. A bill to increase access to pre-exposure prophylaxis to reduce the transmission of HIV; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 3296. A bill to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 3297. A bill for the relief of Shirley Constantino Tan; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN HOLLEN:

S. 3298. A bill to provide for automatic renewal protections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LANKFORD:

S. 3299. A bill to prohibit the Department of Defense from discharging or withholding pay or benefits from members of the National Guard based on COVID-19 vaccination status; read the first time.

## ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 385

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 385, a bill to improve the full-service community school program, and for other purposes.

S. 450

At the request of Mr. BURR, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 450, a bill to award posthumously the Congressional Gold Medal to Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley.

S. 697

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) were added as cosponsors of S. 697, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the Bicentennial of Harriet Tubman's birth.

S. 978

At the request of Ms. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 978, a bill to provide for the adjustment or modification by the Secretary of Agriculture of loans for critical rural utility service providers, and for other purposes.

S. 1106

At the request of Mr. BOOKER, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr.